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1. JULIO GONZALEZ WAS LOCATED JULY 20 IN LIMA. GONZALEZ POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED WILLIAMS FROM PHOTOGRAPH, ALTHOUGH HE DESCRIBED HIM AS HAVING BLOND, RATHER THAN BROWN HAIR, AND SAID HE HAD NEVER KNOWN WILLIAMS' SURNAME. ACCORDING TO GONZALEZ, HE WAS NOT "GUIDE" OF "TOUR" BUT RATHER WENT ALONG ON HIS VACATION FROM THE HOTEL OLLANTA AT THE REQUEST OF HIS COUSIN, RUBEN PILARES, TO INTERPRET BETWEEN COUSIN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP. HE REMEMBERS "CHARLES" AS YOUNG MAN HIS COUSIN INTRODUCED HIM TO APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS BEFORE TRIP AND WHO STAYED OVERNIGHT A FEW TIMES DURING THE TWO WEEK PERIOD AT THE APARTMENT THAT GONZALEZ AND PILARES SHARED IN CUZCO. IT WAS APPARENTLY THEIR CUSTOM TO TAKE IN AS UNPAID LODGERS VARIOUS CLEAN-LIVING FOREIGNERS.

2. IN ADDITION TO WILLIAMS, GONZALEZ AND PILARES, THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WERE CAROLYN CONINO, SALMA DANDARAHUI (WHOM GONZALEZ SAYS WAS EGYPTIAN) AND ANOTHER AMERICAN, FIRST NAME SCOTT, SURNAME UNKNOWN. GONZALEZ RE-EMPHASIZED THAT HE WAS IN NO WAY ACTING AS GUIDE AND THAT GROUP WAS NOT ORGANIZED TOUR. HE SAID HE MERELY TOOK PART OF HIS VACATION TO ACCOMPANY GROUP AT REQUEST OF COUSIN, BECAUSE HE LIKED THE INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED AND NOT BECAUSE HE THOUGHT ANY LOST VALLEY EXISTS. GONZALEZ SAID
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THAT HE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP DROVE FROM CUZCO TO TRES CRUCES, SPENT TWO NIGHTS CAMPING OUT IN RAIN, AND DECIDED TO RETURN TO CUZCO BY CAR ON THE MORNING OF THE THIRD DAY WHEN THE SUN CAME OUT. WILLIAMS DECIDED NOT TO ACCOMPANY THE GROUP THAT MORNING, SAYING HE WOULD CONTINUE HIS SEARCH, AND THAT IS THE LAST GONZALEZ HAS HEARD OR SEEN OF HIM. ONE OF THE WOMEN, CAROLYN, WROTE AT SOME UNSPECIFIED LATER DATE THAT SHE WAS MARRYING

A BRAZILIAN. NEITHER GONZALEZ OR WIFE HAVE HEARD SINCE FROM CAROLYN AND THEY DO NOT HAVE AN ADDRESS FOR HER. GONZALEZ SAID THAT THIS WAS HIS ONLY SUBSEQUENT CONTACT WITH ANY MEMBER OF GROUP OTHER THAN COUSIN.

3. GONZALEZ DESCRIPTION OF SCENERY NEAR THEIR CAMPSITE IS THAT THERE WAS SHARP WOODED DROP FROM SUMMIT OF MOUNTAIN INTO INHABITED VALLEY AREA. HIS OPINION IS THAT WILLIAMS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SO FOOLHARDY AS TO ATTEMPT TO DESCEND VIA THE DROP INSTEAD OF THE ROAD OR TRAILS ON OTHER SLOPING SIDE OF MOUNTAIN. HE COMMENTED THAT IF WILLIAMS HAD FOR SOME REASON DECIDED TO DESCEND THE DROP HE WAS NOT VERY WELL EQUIPPED, NOT HAVING A MACHETE OR CUTTING TOOL TO GET THROUGH THE JUNGLE, AND WOULD NOT HAVE LASTED VERY LONG.

4. GONZALEZ SAID HE COULD NOT VERIFY EXACT DATES OF TRIP IN 1972, BUT WOULD CHECK PERSONAL RECORDS FOR APPROXIMATE DATES, AND PROMISED TO OBTAIN CURRENT ADDRESS OF PILARES, WHO HAS SINCE MOVED TO TRUJILLO IN NORTHERN PERU. HE COMMENTED THAT IT WAS NOT SURPRISING THAT POLICE SEARCH AND SEARCH BY CONOFF LAST YEAR DID NOT REVEAL HIS WHEREABOUTS, ALTHOUGH HE WAS LIVING AND WORKING IN CUZCO AREA UNTIL LATE LAST YEAR. HE SAID THAT INFLUX OF HIPPIES INTO CUZCO SINCE 1972 HAS CAUSED HIM TO AVOID GROUPS OF FREE-FLOATING YOUNG PEOPLE AND THAT FAMILY AND FRIENDS WOULD SHIELD HIM FROM POLICE INQUIRIES.

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5. CONOFF SPOKE BY PHONE ON JULY 19 TO SUBDIRECTOR OF PERUVIAN IMMIGRATION AND VISITED HIM ON JULY 22 RE SEARCH OF THEIR RECORDS FOR ANY MENTION OF WILLIAMS OR RECORD OF PASSPORT. THEY ARE PRESENTLY MOVING OFFICES AND FILES, BUT ARE SEARCHING. SO FAR, ONLY MENTION OF CHARLES CURTIS WILLIAMS IS RECORD OF PERSON WITH OTHER PASSPORT AND IDENTITY DOCUMENT NUMBERS, WHO ENTERED PERU JANUARY 1, 1972 AND LEFT FOR ARGENTINA JANUARY 28, 1972. SUB-DIRECTOR PROMISED TO CONTINUE SEARCH, BUT SAID IT WOULD TAKE TIME AS RECORDS FOR THAT PERIOD ARE DISORGANIZED TO SAY THE LEAST.

6. PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES CONDUCTED NEW SEARCH FOR GONZALEZ EARLY THIS YEAR IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY AND INTERPOL INQUIRIES AND PASSED COPY OF REPORT TO ININTERPOL IN WASHINGTON. TRANSLATION OF REPORT SENT DEPT. BY TRANSMITTAL SLIP MAY 25, 1977.

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